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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The present bed strength is 8. It was only 2 up to May 1953. The average daily attendance of in-patients and out-patients are as follows :—

Year.	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1952	2	99
1953	3	109

" (*b*) No Sir."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Considering the area and population served by the dispensary, will the Government take over the administration of the dispensary? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government in the first instance are taking over only taluk headquarters and municipal hospitals. There are many such hospitals remaining to be provincialized in our State. All the taluk headquarters hospitals in Malabar district have already been provincialized."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, judging by the population of that area and also the number of out-patients coming to that hospital, is it a fact that the out-patients do not go in and become in-patients and so the bed strength may be increased immediately? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this dispensary is under the control of the District Board."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" As the Mannarghat firka is as big as a taluk and includes Attapadi Valley—an area of about 400 square miles—where 14,000 people are living, will the Government show the same attitude to it as is shown to other taluk headquarters hospitals? " 11–30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" After the rest of the taluk headquarters hospitals have been provincialized, this suggestion will be taken into consideration."

Vigilance Home, Madras.

* 133 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of women in the City Vigilance Home;

(*b*) the amount spent for running the Home; and

(*c*) the income derived by the Government from it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 238—on 10th October 1954.

" (*b*) During 1953–54, the total expenses connected with the running of the Vigilance Home and the Stri Sadana Rescue Home and Shelter, Madras, amounted to Rs. 1,70,700. Separate figures are not available for Vigilance Home only.

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" (c) Rs. 4,205–6–11 during 1953–54 for both the institutions, namely, Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana Rescue Home and Shelter."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know how these people are rehabilitated after they are discharged and whether this amount is spent on them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are taught some vocation or other and they are able to make a living by means of that."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Vigilance Homes are used only as a sort of sanctuary for fallen women or whether they also admit destitute women without any protection? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, there are also some destitute women. In addition to that, in the Stri Sadana Home, some of the prisoners whose cases require not imprisonment but only some sort of correctional treatment, are also admitted."

River pumping schemes for Malabar.

* 134 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of river pumping schemes under examination, (i) in Malabar and (ii) in Walluvanad taluk in Malabar;

(*b*) the total area that will come under irrigation (i) in Malabar and (ii) in Walluvanad taluk, if the schemes are completed; and

(*c*) how many schemes are now under execution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (i) Five.

(ii) Five.

" (*b*) (i) 303 acres.

(ii) 303 acres.

" (*c*) One."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Is it a fact that the Agricultural Department has recommended the closure of the scheme in Palappuram in the Walluvanad taluk and if so, what are the reasons for the same? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" One scheme is now under execution at Lakkadipalappuram covering an area of 117 acres. There was another scheme at Lakkidi Perur on the banks of the river Bharathapuzha which had to be discontinued as the ryots were not willing to bear the water charges fixed."